Take an oath of Allegiance
Have demonstrated an understanding of U.S. history,
Apply for Naturalization
Must be 18 years of age or older

Application for Naturalization
Be a lawfully admitted
physical and continuous
permanent residence in
the United States.
Have demonstrated
knowledge of U.S. history,
before filing.
Have lived within the state or
minimum requirement is 3 years.
Must be 18 years of age or older
have lived within the U.S. for a minimum of 5 years.

Instructions for filing Form N-400
• In 2018, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) changed its policy. Applications must now be submitted once everything is submitted correctly, USCIS will call the applicant in for fingerprinting.
• After this process, the applicant will be given a test that you failed (English or civics) between the end of the waiting period and the petition date.
• If I fail a portion of the naturalization test, when will I need to retake it? You will have an opportunity to retake the exam one time. If you fail to pass the exam, you will need to answer 6 questions to pass the exam portion of this section, you will need to answer 6 questions in the knowledge section and 40 questions in the civics section to pass. Each question is worth 1 point. To pass the exam portion of the hearing, you must answer 60% of the questions correctly. If you pass the exam, you will be scheduled for the interview.
• What day will USCIS assign for the interview? USCIS will assign an interview date for you. It can take up to 10 months for your application to be processed. The hearing date will be assigned at this point.
• How many times can I apply for U.S. citizenship? You may apply for U.S. citizenship if you are a lawful permanent resident and you have been residing continuously in the United States for at least 5 years. If you are a lawful permanent resident, are exempt from the 5-year requirement and the requirement to pass the naturalization interview and test.

Is it mandatory to give the interview in English?
No, you have the option to take your interview in a language other than English. If you decide to take your interview in a language other than English, you will have 60 days to complete the interview. If you fail to pass the interview, you will need to answer 6 questions in the knowledge section and 40 questions in the civics section to pass. Each question is worth 1 point. To pass the interview portion of the hearing, you must answer 60% of the questions correctly. If you pass the interview, you will be scheduled for the interview.

Requirements to become an American citizen
1. U.S. permanent resident
2. Ability to read
3. Understanding of U.S. history
4. Understanding of the Constitution
5. Understanding of English
6. Understanding of civics
7. Understanding of mathematics
8. Understanding of government
9. Understanding of the American way of life
10. Ability to pass the test

Most states also restrict the right to vote to United States citizens. Your right to vote may be suspended if you are a convicted felon. However, you may vote in federal elections if you are a convicted felon.

U.S. Citizens Rights and Responsibilities
• Freedom to pursue “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”
• Freedom to express yourself.
• Freedom to worship as you wish.
• Freedom to vote for national officials.
• Freedom to a prompt, fair trial by jury.
• Freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures.
• Right to apply for federal employment.
• Right to receive public assistance.
• Right to use of local laws.
• Right to respect by local officials.